The First Dandelions.

Oh mamma come to the window. There are stars all over the grass. Did they fall last night in the shower, Or how did it come to pass? They are all a beautiful yellow, And shine like coins of gold;

Will they burn me if I touch them,

Or are they dead and cold,? They are not stars, my daughter, But dandelions gay, That Spring from her crown has scattere To show it is nearly May. You may pick them at your pleasure, And fix them in your hair;

Like that they are golden-colored-Like you they are pure and fair.

Trust.

O, yet we trust that somehow good Will be the final goal of Ill, To pange of nature, slns of will, Defects of doubt and taints of blood;

Tost nothing walks with aimless feet; That not one life shall be destroyed, Or cast as rubbish to the void, When God hath made the pile complete;

That not a worm is cloven in vain; That not a moth with vain desire Is shrivelled in a fruitless ure, Or but subserves another's gain.

THAT ONE DOLLAR BILL

How it did rain, that November night! None of your undecided showers, with hesitating intervals, as it were, between; none of your mild, persistent patterings on the roof, but of opening floods!

Squire Pratlet heard the rattle anthracite-and gazed with a sort of sleepy, reflective satisfaction at the crimson moreen curtains, and a gray cat fast asleep on the hearth, and the canary bird rolled into a drowsy ball of yellow down upon its perch.

'This is snug,' quoth the Squire; 'I'm glad I had the leaky spot in the barn roof fixed last week. I don't object to a stormy night once in a while, when a fellow's under cover, and there is nothing in particular to be

was fitting about between the kitchen and sitting-room, with a great bluechecked apron tied atout her waist. 'I'm nearly ready to come in now, Josiah. Now I wonder,' sotto voice, 'if that was really a knock at the door, or just a little rush of the wind,

She went to the door, nevertheless, and a minute or two afterwards she went to her husband's chair.

'Joe, dear, it's Luke Ruddilove,' Squire never looked up from his read- things.

'Tell him he has made a mistake. The tavern is on the second corner be-

coals. No-of course, no. Mrs. Pratlet hesitated.

nobody in the world to let him have a cent.'

Squire. 'If he had come to just that and held out his hand. pinch half a dozen years ago, perhaps he wouldn't have been the miserable vagabond be now is.'

'We used to go to school together,' said Mrs. Pratlet, gently. 'He was the smartest boy in the class.'

'That's probable enough;' said the Squire. 'But it don't alter the fact. He's a poor drunken wretch now. Send him about his business, Mary; and if his time is of any consequence, just let him know he had better not waste it coming here after dollars.'

And the Squire leaned back in his chair, after a positive fashion, as if the whole matter was settled.

Mrs. Pratiet went back to the kitchen, where Luke Ruddilove was spreading his poor fingers over the blaze of the fire, his tattered garments steaming as if he was a pillar vapor.

'Then I've got to starve, like any other dog!' said Luke Ruddilove, turning away. 'And after all, I don't suppose it makes much difference whether I shuffle out of this world today or to-morrow.' 'Oh Luke-not to your wife?'

'She'd be better off without me,' he eaid, down hartedly. 'But she ought not to be.'

'Ought and is are two different things, Mrs. Pratlet. Good night; I ain't going to the tavern, although I'll wager something the Squire thought I was.' And isn't it natural enough that be

should think so, Luke?'

what it is!' murmured Luke Ruddilove, in the same dejected tone he had was finished, when he offered to fight ly made from the yolks of hens' eggs. used throughout the interview. 'Stop,' Mrs. Pratlet called to him, as

his hand lay on the door latch, in a low voice. 'Here is a dollar, Luke, Mr. Pratlet gave to me for an oil-cloth enough,' you can imagine his consterto go in front of the parlor stove, but nation when the victorious worship-I will try and make the old one last er exclaimed, 'Now, nixt time ye insake of old times-and for the sake of kenny !' your poor wife and little ones at home -do try and do better.'

first at the fresh, new bank-bill in his Siam. On either side of the wide, hand, and then at the blooming majestic stream, moored in regular young matron who had placed it streets and alleys, extending as far as

crept out of the warm, bright kitch- ing on a compact raft of bamboos. en into the storm and darkness that and the whole intermediate space of reigned without. Mrs. Pratlet stood the river is one dense mass of ships. looking into the kitchen fire.

shape, color and size. 'I dare say I've done a foolish thing,' she pondered; but indeed I could not help it. Of course, he will spend it all at the public house, and I shall do | discharged because, for the amusewithout a new oil cloth; that will be ment of the children during recess, the end of it all.

And there was a conscious flush on trustees chanced to see the feat. her cheeks, as if she had done something wrong, when she joined the Squire in the sitting room.

that never-dowell gone at last?"

'To the Stokes' tavern, I suppose.'

'I hope not, Josiah. 'I am afraid it's past hoping for said the Squire, shrugging his shoulders. 'And now for a pleasant evening. How it does rain, to be sure.' And Mrs. Pratlet kept the secret within her own heart. It was six months afterwards, that

the Squire came into the dining room where his wife was preserving great red apples into jelly. 'Well, well,' quoth he, 'wonders

will never cease. The Ruddiloves have gone away.'

'Where?' 'I dont know-out West somewhere with a colony. And they say Luke hasn't touched a drop of whisky for six months.'

'I am glad of that," said Mrs. Prat-'It won't last long,' said the Squire,

leapairingly. 'Why not?'

'Oh, I don't know. I haven't any faith in these sudden reforms." Mrs. Pratlet was silent; she though thankfully that, after all, Luke had

not spent the dollar for liquor. Six months-six years-the time sped along in days and weeks, almost befor busy little Mrs. Pratlet knew it was gone. The Ruddiloves had come back to Sequesset. Luke had made his fortune, so the story went, far a regular tempest, a wild deluge, a away into El Dorado, vulgarly phrasrush of arrowy drops, and a thunder ed 'out West,' by the simple Sequos-

'They do say,' said Mr. Buckingagainst the casements, and drew his bam, that he has bought that 'ere lot snug easy chair a little closer to the down opposite the Court House, and departed from the laity, and of herofire—a great open mass of glimmering he is going to build such a house as ic self-sacrifice from the ministry. never was.

'He must have prospered greatly,' said gentle Mrs. Pratlet.

'And his wife, wears a silk gown that will stand alone with its own richness, said Mrs. Buckingham. 'I can remember when Luke Ruddlove ly to run down. Now, I don't mean The cause of this severe drought of was nothing but a poor, drunken crea-

'All the more credit to him now, said Mrs. Pratlet, emphatically. 'It's to be all of stun,' said Mrs. 'Yes,' Mrs. Pratiet answered. She and inlaid floors. And he has put a

lot of papers and things under the corner one.' 'The corner what?' said Mrs. Pratlet, laughing. 'Floor or mantel?' ings, you know.'

'That is natural enough.'

But he wants to know if you will he was making out against his client. any good reason why it should be so knock at the doors of national legislalend him a dollar,' said Mrs. Pratlet. But the Squire never looked around, now. When two persons are talking tion, and you will not be denied ad-'Couldn't you have told him no, and Mrs. Buckingham went on with at once, to another, it confuses the mittance. You will not elevate your with the out preliminary ceremony of her never-ceasing flow of chit-chat, listener, and one should not be sur- own sex by dragging men down, and coming to me? Is it likely I shall and so the hot color died away in her prised if he misunderstands and gets calling them names, and spitting and lend a dollar, or even a cent to Luke cheek. After all, the money had been things mixed. It is a difficult matter trampling on them. It is too foolish. Ruddilove? Why, I'd a great deal her own to give, and the oil-cloth in for a person to fix his attention, per- The methods you employ make the rather throw it among yonder red front of the dining room stove had feetly, on any two thing, at once, and very thought of suffrage obnoxious to answered very well.

She met Luke Ruddilove that after- | confusion. 'He looks so pinched and cold and noon, for the first time since his rewretched, Josiah. He says there is turn to Sequesset-Luke himself, yet 'All the better for him, if he did but his better elements triumphing at last. Southern conspiracy to bleed the Na- take some wine as it was passed arknow it,' sharply enunciated the He looked her brightly in the face, tional Treasury will prove a complete ound. She declined.

Luke,' she said, tremulously. 'And well you may be,' he rejoined. Do you remember that stormy night. Mary, when you gave me that dollar

other faces were averted. I vowed Troy Times. a vow to myself to prove worthy of your confidence, and I kept it; I did ingly, the luck would go from me newspapers save one should refuse to police station. do, Mary: I will give money, and drop them and buy that one sheet. some other poor wretch, as you gave out your daily diet of horrors." Mr. chickens, deserted by their owner,

which he gave here to buy a new piece The public makes an imperative de- hawks, and are hunted as game. of oil-cloth.

During the Crimean war, a Turk, news. while at his noon prayer one day, was kicked and told to get out of the way 'Yes-yes, Mary; I don't say but by an English soldier. He paid no attention to the insult until his prayer the Englishman. Johnny Bull. thinking he had a soft Turk, squared 'himself,' but received a most severe thumping, and as he cried 'Hold,

One of the most wonderful cities in Luke Ruddilove looked vacantly the world is Bankok, the capital of the eye can reach, are upwards of 70, 'Thank you, Mary,' he said, and |000 neat little houses, each one floatjunks and boats of every conceivable

> An Iowa schoolmistress has been she stood on her head. One of the

Baron Rathiel asked his family physician what class of people dled 'Well,' said Squire Pratlet, 'has happiest. Said the doctor, 'Those ous kissing spreads disease. Heart for that session came to an abrupt who are hung.'

A Sad Picture of New England Meth-

odism. Proceedings of a Recent Conference. The Rev. W. T. Hill, presiding elder of the New Haven district, which comprises all the territory between the Massachusetts line, Long Island Sound, and the Connecticut and Hausatonic, reported that they had lost the church at West Granby, Conn. Eight distilleries had been found in the vicinity, all owned and run by members. Several of the stewards were in the business, and they manufactured elder brandy and sold i wholesale and retail. The church appointed new stewards, but the pastor was powerless. The stewards had been called before the conference, and the most insolent one was tried, but eight of the brethren had appeared and one of them was the class-leader. The steward was acquitted. The stewards seceded, and a new ecclesiastical body was organized, and the liquor dealing stewards had taken the church property, and the courts decided that they had the power to dispose of it. The pastor, who had been sent there with his wife, had received but a mere pittance and had suffered barbaric indignities from the rumloving mob. Many of the churches were unable to support their pastor Twenty-three must be supplied by local preachers or close their doors. Many were in distress, and would not join with another church in the circuit. Methodism is doomed here, unless a change could be effected. They would see most of their churches go to decay, if the spirit of Methodism

Don't Talk to Much.

remind us of talking machines, and immense areas of alfalfa grass, wound up, and apparently never like- worth \$50 an acre, are also destroyed. to condemn talking entirely. In fact, one year and the heavy floods of the I rather like to encourage it, where it next is attributed by the California is done within the bounds of reason and propriety. But some boys and Buckingham; 'white marble mantels and about everything. They won't melting during the winter and preeven allow another to get a word in vent the evaporation of moisture in

keep still. Once in a while, at any ly to have frequent experience of alrate, a chance should be afforded your ternate droughts and floods in the fu-'Stun, to be sure,' said Mrs. Buck- friends to put in a word or two, ture, ingham, 'like they do in public build- When older people are speaking, it would look well for youngsters to keep their mouths shut. When some one 'Well, it's kind o' queer, but Luke is reading, it is ill manners to inter- and a half in a hotel parlor at Wash-Ruddilove never was like anybody rupt, to call attention to trivial mat- ington the other evening; then Mrs. else. Folks think dreadful strange he ters, of no sense or interest. When Myra Clark Gaines, who had come in she said half apprehensively. The should put a dollar bill in with other another is speaking, wait until he or and listened awhile, insisted on her she gets through before you say your right to speak. 'You think,' she said, Mrs. Pratlet felt her cheek flush say, and do not take the word out of 'the ballot will cure every evil. I scarlet; involuntarily she glanced to any one's mouth. It didn't used will not. You ask too much at once. where the Squire was secretly check- to be so in olden times, if our grand- Educate women to it; let them be ing off a list of legal items in the bill parents tell the truth, and I don't see given thorough training, and then get sense of it. There is bound to be men, and women too.'

> not himself--the demon of intemper- Houses of Congress, and a President one of the fashionable hotels at Saraance crushed out of his nature, and to match in the White House, the toga Springs, was invited at dinner to success. The most astonishing thing about the whole is the complacency 'I'm glad to see you here again, with which the country looks upon this gigantic attempt at public robbery. There seems to be no limit to your stomach's sake,' he urged. the audacity of the South, and, instead of stealing out on this raid co- dignantly replied the little miss, in bill, and begged me not to go to the vertly, it goes forth with drums beat- the most emphatic manner. ing and banners flying, confident of success, and likely to realize its ex-'That night was the pivot on which pectations. Is this game of "getting my whole destiny turned. You were even" to be played through as it has cently delivered in Dundee, Scotland. kind to me, when every one spoke been begun? If not, loyal men will Each barrow is shaped like a coffin, coldly; you trusted in me, when all have to go to work without delay .-

> not spend the money; I treasured it sometimes has a novel way of stating incapable passenger will rest. It is up-and Heaven has added mightily a truth, but he generally magages to painted red on the inside and darkto my little store. I put the dollar do it in a pretty convincing manner. green on the outside, while the wheels bill under the corner-stone of my Last night he discussed the publica- are stenciled in bright yellow. These new house, for the house has arisen | tion of scandal cases in newspapers, | handsome vehicles are to be used for from it alone. I won't offer to pay you and remarked: "You blame papers the transportation of mellow and back, for I am afraid,' he said smil- for publishing scandals, but if all helpless Scotchmen from lamp-post to with it; but I'll tell you what I will publish anything improper, you would mand, and he must furnish it or see

his readers go elsewhere to learn the gists circular, are told of the healing which all all ink is used here below, properties of a new oil, which is easi- and that for every abuse if it, he The eggs are first boiled hard, and the yolks are then removed, crushed and placed over a fire, where they are carefully stirred until the substance is The growing wheat, not only in Lojust on the point of catching fire, gan, but in all the counties from Louwhen the oil separates and may be isville to Memphis, is looking unusupoured off. One yolk will yield near- ally promising. The prospect, so far a little longer. And, Luke, for the sult a Turk, be sure he's not from Kil- ly two teaspoonfuls of oil. It is in is fine for a large and splendid crop. general use among the colonists of south Russia as a means of curing

> cuts and bruises. One of the great features in sacred orders is the number of capital letters required for initials to represent their names or the titles of their officers. but a Washington colored society lays over them all in this regard, its name being 'The Ancient Order of the Sons and Daughters of Moses of the United States and the World at Large.'

A day or two since a lad some eight years of age said to his mother : 'Mother, which are we, Catholics

or Episcopals? 'We ain't any of them,' said a gest amount of sugar. younger brother, chipping in, 'were Percific Coast Pierneers.'

The physicians say that promiscu- the unexpected reply. The questions troubles especially.

'What makes that noise?' asked little boy on the train the other day. 'The cars,' answered his mother.

'What for ?' 'Because they are moving.' What are they moving for?'

'The engine makes them.' 'What engine?'

'The engine in front.' 'What's it in front for?' 'To pull the train.'

'What train ? 'This one.' 'This car?' repeated the youngster,

cointing to the one in which they sat 'What does it pull for ?' 'The engineer makes it.'

'The man on the engine.' 'What engine?' 'The one in front.' What's that in front for?'

'I told you that before.'

'What engineer?'

'Told who what?' 'Told you.' 'What for?' 'O, be still; you're a nuisance.'

What is a nuisance? 'A boy who asks too many ques

'Whose boy?' 'My boy.' 'What questions?' The conductor came through just then and took up the tickets, and the train pulled up to the station before we could get all of the conversation

The last we heard, as the lady jerked

the youngster off the platform, was, 'What conductor ?'-Keokuk Constitu-The crops throughout the great San Joaquin Valley of California, were nearly a total failure last year, for want of water. This year the recent Some of the young folks of to-day flood has ruined 50,000 acres of wheat,

ests on the Sierra Nevadas, which girls talk all the time, everywhere, used to shade the snow, and retard its the summer. Unless this destruction There is a time to talk, and a time to of forests is checked, the State is like

papers to the destruction of the for-

Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker talked of Woman Suffrage for an hour

A little girl of six or seven sum-With a Democratic majority in both mers, stopping with her parents at

'Why do you not take wine with your dinner, Minnie?' 'Tause I don't like it.'

'But take a little then, my child for 'I aren't dot no tomik's ache,' in-

Eight wheelbarrows for the accommodation of the intoxicated, were remounted on springs, and is 30 inches wide at the top and 24 inches wide at the foot. There is a box at the top on Rev. Talmage is sensational, and which the head of the inebriated or

A few years ago, in Comanche counwords of trust and encouragement, to Most of you could not get along with- ty, Texas, a number of domestic Talmage understands that with an took to the brush, and the woods are And Squire Pratlet never knew editor it is not a question of whether full of wild chickens. They are numwhat his wife did with the dollar bill he desires to publish a scandal or not. bered by the thousands, fly like

It is believed by the Chinese that the inventor of ink is charged with Extraordinary stories, says a drug- keeping an account of the manner in records a black mark against the of-

The Russellville (Ky.) Herald says:

'What's the difference,' asked the teacher in arithmetic, 'between one yard and two yards?' 'A fence!' said Tommy Beales .-Then Tommy sat down on the ruler s

'That's our family tree,' said an Arkansas youth, as he pointed to a vigorous hemlock. 'A good many of our folks have been hung on that tree for borrerin horses after dark.

tested by M. Truelle, of the Chemical Society of Paris, the red American renette was found to contain the lar-'Johnny, what does your mother keep a cat for ?' 'To lay kittens,' was

Of forty-three varieties of apples

Gen Cortina, the notorious Rio Grande robber, but recently a prisoner in the City of Mexico, is again at work plundering and murdering on the frontier.

'I say, Mick, what sort of potatoes are those you are planting? 'Raw ones, to be sure; your hono wouldn't be thinking I'd plant boiled

Great Britain has 75,000,000 of Mussulman subjects, and is next to Turkey, the largest Mussulman power in the world.

The beach at Galveston, Texas, said to be the longest and broadest in the world, is twenty-five miles in length.

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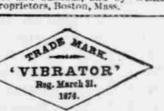
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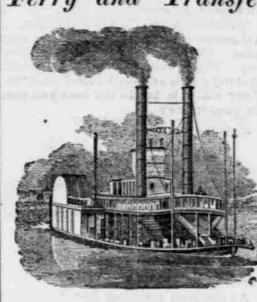
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